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TOPIC Schoenefeld AirfieldEVALUATION 25X1X PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

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REMARKS

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- At 10:30 a.m. on 5 December 1952, no aircraft were observed at the Diepense section of the Schoenefeld airfield. Hangars No 11 and 15 were empty.
- Take-offs and landings observed at the field from 21 November through 9 December included:

Date	Number of Planes Parked at Hardstand No 35	Beside the Runway	Take-offs	Landings
21 November	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	none	2 Li-2s	3 Li-2s
22 "	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	1 Li-2	2 Li-2s	4 Li-2s
23 "	3 biplanes 5 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	1 Li-2
24 "	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	1 Li-2	3 Li-2s	2 Li-2s
25 "	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	1 Li-2	2 Li-2s
26 "	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	1 Li-2	3 Li-2s	3 Li-2s
27 "	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	3 Li-2s
28 "	3 biplanes 4 Li-2s	1 Li-2	4 Li-2s	none observed
29 "	5 Li-2s 3 biplanes	1 Li-2	3 Li-2s	6 Li-2s
30 "	3 biplanes 7 Li-2s	1 Li-2	4 Li-2s	no landing
1 December	3 biplanes 7 Li-2s	1 Li-2	no take-offs	5 Li-2s

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2 December	3 biplanes 7 Li-2s	1 Li-2	5 Li-2s	3 Li-2s
3 "	3 biplanes 7 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	3 Li-2s
4 "	3 biplanes 7 Li-2s	1 Li-2	4 Li-2	3 Li-2s
5 "	3 biplanes 7 Li-2s	4 Li-2s	no take- -offs	1 Li-2
6 "	3 biplanes 5 Li-2s	2 Li-2s	5 Li-2s	3 Li-2s 5 biplanes
7 "	5 biplanes 4 Li-2s	5 Li-2s	1 Li-2	no landings
8 "	5 biplanes 4 Li-2s	-	5 Li-2s	4 Li-2s
9 "	5 biplanes 4 Li-2s	-	4 Li-2s	none observed

The two biplanes observed on 6 December were much larger than the biplanes previously seen. No details could be determined because of restricted visibility. Most of the take-offs were made between 5:30 and 6 a.m., and the landings between 1 and 3 p.m.¹

3. From 8:15 to 11:30 a.m. on 21 November 1952, a Li-2 practiced take-offs and landings. The weather was fair. Landings and take-offs were also practiced by a Li-2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on 25 November. There were snowfalls. On both days, a radio truck was seen at the runway during flight activity.

4. At 8 p.m. on 26 November, political instruction was given at the motion picture theatre of the airfield. Major Volski (fnu), the political officer of the unit, presided. The training was attended by 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets, 75 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and about 120 civilians. The instruction was given by a major who had come from Karlshorst in [redacted] driven by a soldier who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 4 December, a lecture was given on Stalin's constitution at the motion picture theatre by Colonel Kolevator (fnu), the airfield commandant. The lecture was attended by about 200 civilians and 100 soldiers including 15 officers. Other political instruction was given by a colonel on 6 December. The instruction was attended by 30 civilians, 36 soldiers and 12 officers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and 63 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The colonel had come in [redacted] whose driver wore red-bordered black epaulets.²

- 25X1C 5. [redacted] were seen at the airfield. The second jeep and the truck were driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, the sedan was used by a VP colonel whose driver had green color patches.³

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6. Source made a sketch of the insignia observed on the cap worn by a Soviet major. There was no braid on the visor of the cap.

25X1A 1. Comment. Schoenefeld airfield is still occupied by a military air transport unit and is also used as a civilian airport. No conclusion can be drawn as to the type and mission of the transport unit from the data on the landings and take-offs observed at the field. Large biplanes reportedly observed at the field on 6 December 1952 cannot be commented on.

25X1A 2. Comment. Major Volski has been known since June 1951 as political officer. Colonel Kolevator has been known as being the airfield commandant since March 1951.

25X1A 3. Comment. Except for the VP sedan reported in paragraph 5 all the vehicles mentioned belong to the Rear Services of the GOFG.

25X1A 4. Comment. For sketch of the cap insignia, see Annex.

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